

Nuc arms race: a case study for psych. theory (1)

Danger of sanction of small-scale use of nucs, seen as successful (e.g. if it had happened in Falklands) p 6-8

Intolerable moral policy, à la Teller: destroying all of life on Earth.

PP — no justification offered for 7½ mill tons of bombs, 50,000 U.S. dead, 2 mill VN dead. (p. 14)

Def. of massacre, just war theory pp. 15-17  
Int'l. law, UN resolutions — pp. 18-20

~~Strategic~~

Aerial firebombing — pp. 20-21

The impudence of current policies —  
pp. 22-23 (moral systems failing)

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23- Milgrim — Pentagon behav. was part of widespread human behav. Milgrim implications: Americans will do anything to anyone

Lilienthal quote — p. 27 — ethical limits of warfare cast aside by A-bomb

Shift in scale of destruction, w/ H bomb — 29-30

What are the solvents that

dissolve ordinary human restraints against fantastically murderous & reckless behav? pp. 31-32

One aspect: almost limitless obed. to organizational authority.



pp. 38-40 Shift to bombing civilians came after unending soldiers' deaths that didn't seem to affect the course of the war. "There's got to be a better way."

(Q) Russians' awfulness used to justify unlimited awfulness on our part.

Revenge: seen as a viable justification for practically anything. (p. 45)

"Ask a proponent of F.U. option to define for you exactly when he ~~is~~, would initiate FU of nuc weapons. (p. 46)

Persing II's not a true counter to SS-20's - they make SS-20 use more, not less, likely. (p. 47) (Bunker's officer)

p. 49 - No previous installation of weapons has led to reduction in <sup>comparable</sup> weapons of other side.

pp. 49-53 Instability a desirable feature being deliberately chosen to an extent. makes opponent wary of sparking crises which could get out of control

Leaders commonly underestimate the level of violence needed to do the job, also the other side's willingness to retaliate.

pp. 53-55

pp. 56-60 Psychology of leaders' willingness to massacre. Kelman: leaders see themselves as serving a cause, as →



representing an org., just as the others  
feel subordinate to it. They have a job  
to do, and they have no choice but to  
do what they are doing. "I have no choice  
but to give these orders." Relevant  
precedents are seen as justification. Revenge

p. 61-62 How to break the scapegoating  
cycle? Fear of culpability - whose heads  
will roll?

p. 63 - Nation-states formed in relation to  
external phenomenon. There is something  
in the nature of that formation which  
divests its members of responsibility.

p. 64 - Argentina - ~~sub~~ leaders fear relinquishing  
power; being held accountable for massacre.  
(Amnesty needed?)

p. 65 - Germans & Japanese refer to the  
evils they did. (And some Americans  
learned similarly from VN)